

House Resolution No.

Whereas, Robert B. “Bob” Harvey of St. Louis, Missouri, is retiring from his position as Executive Director of the Independence Center on December 31, 2004, following twenty-four years of steadfast and admirable service; and

Whereas, trained at New York’s Fountain House, Bob Harvey commenced his career as Executive Director of the Independence Center in 1981, since which time his pioneering efforts in the areas of employment, housing, case management, clinical services, and education have transformed the lives of thousands of people who have turned to the Center for help; and

Whereas, a recipient of the 2004 Eli Lilly Reintegration Award for Lifetime Achievement, Bob Harvey’s leadership skills have earned the Independence Center the 2000 Eli Lilly Schizophrenia Reintegration Award, the 2000 President’s Committee Best Practices in Employment Award, the 1999 Metropolitan Life/Enterprise Foundation’s Excellence in Affordable Housing Award, and Certificates of Significant Achievement from the American Psychiatric Association’s Journal of Hospital and Community Psychiatry; and

Whereas, Bob Harvey has enjoyed recognition as a Board member for the International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services and as past Board President for the Missouri Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services; and

Whereas, recognized as one of the nation’s leaders in grantsmanship and fund raising, Bob Harvey played an instrumental role in establishing the Independence Center as one of the first clubhouse-model programs to be certified by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, where he took on the responsibilities of a Surveyor; and

Whereas, Bob Harvey has also distinguished himself as a published author and as a recipient of numerous awards, a few of which include the 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award from the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board, the 2004 Service to Mankind Award from the Gateway to the West Sertoma Club, the 2003 Silver Key Award for Lifetime Achievements from the Mental Health Association of Greater St. Louis, and the 1999 John Beard Award for outstanding contributions in the field of psychosocial rehabilitation from the International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation; and

Whereas, Bob Harvey has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include four children, Matt, Rachel, Michael, and Lauren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in expressing deep gratitude for the superb service that Bob Harvey has rendered to the Independence Center during the past twenty-four years and in wishing him ample opportunity to enjoy the better things life has to offer; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Robert B. Harvey.

Offered by _____
Representative Barbara Wall Fraser
District No. 83

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker